



Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A.

Attorneys and Counsellors at Law



James A. Climer

PARTNER

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Business & Commercial Law General Liability
Civil Rights & Government Liability Municipal Law
Employment & Labor Law

Cleveland Office

100 Franklin's Row
34305 Solon Road
Cleveland, OH 44139
Direct: 440.287.8290
Fax: 440.248.8861
jclimer@mrrlaw.com

EDUCATION

- J. D., 1980, University of Toledo College of Law
- B. S., 1977, Miami University

ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit



Mr. Climer focuses his practice on municipal law, employment and labor law matters. He has considerable experience advising and defending governmental entities and their employees, including counties, municipalities, townships, school boards, park districts, and social service agencies. He also maintains a significant labor and employment practice serving numerous private and public organizations, in addition to handling civil litigation, appellate and personal injury matters.

Prior to joining MRR in 1991, Jim served as Assistant Law Director in the Civil Division for the City of Parma. His duties included advising city officials, acting as principal legal advisor to the City's Safety Director, and drafting formal opinions, legislation, and contracts.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Ohio State Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Cuyahoga County Law Directors Association
- Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (OACTA)
- Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association
- Parma Bar Association

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- AV® Preeminent™ rating from *Martindale-Hubbell Directory*
- Selected Midwest Claims Service "Attorney of the Year" (2010)
- Named Outstanding Young Man in America by *Who's Who in American Law*
- Assistant Law Director, City of Parma, Civil Division

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Padua Franciscan High School, Chairman of the Board of Trustees



PUBLICATIONS

- “Let’s Do the Time Warp Again! – Can Independent Contractors Doing Government Work get Qualified Immunity?” – MRR’s Blog *Decisive Defense* (2013)
- “Time to Clean Up the Yard – Changes to Exposure for Defects on Municipal Grounds Have No Clear Limits” – MRR’s Blog *Decisive Defense* (2012)
- “City Hall’s Second Chance: Ohio Supreme Court Clarifies Rights of Political Subdivisions to Take Interlocutory Appeals” – MRR’s Blog *Decisive Defense* (2011)
- “Government Liability – Seminar for the Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys” – MRR’s Blog *Decisive Defense* (2011)

PRESENTATIONS

- “Police Mutual Aid, Hot Pursuit and Police Pitfalls” – Northeast Ohio Law Directors Association (2013)
- “An Update for Public Entities on Ohio Tort Law” – Ohio Association of Civil Trial Attorneys (2011)